

**[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 113, December
29, 1939]**

**DISMISSING THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, HONORATO DE LEON,
OF MANKAYAN, KIBUNGAN, AND BAKUN, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE,
FOR CAUSE.**

This is an administrative case against Honorato de Leon, justice of the peace of the municipal districts of Mankayan, Kibungan, and Bakun, Mountain Province, for immorality and abuse of authority, filed by Cayatoc Gayongan, former chief of police of Mankayan.

It appears that one Eulalia Gatmen, with the help of the herein complainant who was then the chief of police of Mankayan, Mountain Province, filed a complaint against the respondent for nonsupport, but in a sworn statement dated December twenty-second, nineteen hundred thirty-seven, she withdrew her complaint stating that the respondent is not the father of her child. Subsequently, on May twentieth, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, Dionisio Gatmen, the father of Eulalia Gatmen, filed a complaint against the respondent, and a confidential investigation conducted by the Philippine Constabulary confirmed his allegation that the respondent is the father of Eulalia's child. Sometime in June, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, the herein complainant addressed a letter to the Office of the President of the Philippines, charging the respondent with: (1) Immorality, in connection with his illicit relations with Eulalia Gatmen; (2) abuse of authority, in connection with a criminal case filed against the sister of Eulalia Gatmen; and (3) unsympathetic attitude towards the people of Mankayan. On August tenth, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, Dionisio Gatmen withdrew his complaint, but during the investigation of the complaint filed by Cayatoc Gayongan, Eulalia Gatmen appeared and testified as to her relationship with the respondent.

Prom the evidence of record, it is clearly established that the respondent had maintained illicit relations with Eulalia Gatmen out of which clandestine union a child was born. The fourteen letters addressed to Eulalia Gatmen supposedly signed by the servant of the respondent have been proved to be in the latter's handwriting. These letters show that the respondent is the father of the child of Eulalia Gatmen, that he had been sending her money, and that he merely used the name of his servant to hide his identity.

With respect to the charge of abuse of authority, the evidence shows that Brigida Calderon was arrested at Mankayan on December eighteenth, nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, upon a complaint for theft filed against her by counsel for the respondent. After the issuance of the warrant of arrest, the respondent left for Baguio, where he had an interview with Eulalia Gatmen, as a result of which interview Eulalia Gatmen withdrew her original complaint on December twenty-second, nineteen hundred and thirty-seven. After the withdrawal of the complaint of Eulalia Gatmen, the respondent returned to Mankayan and it was only then that